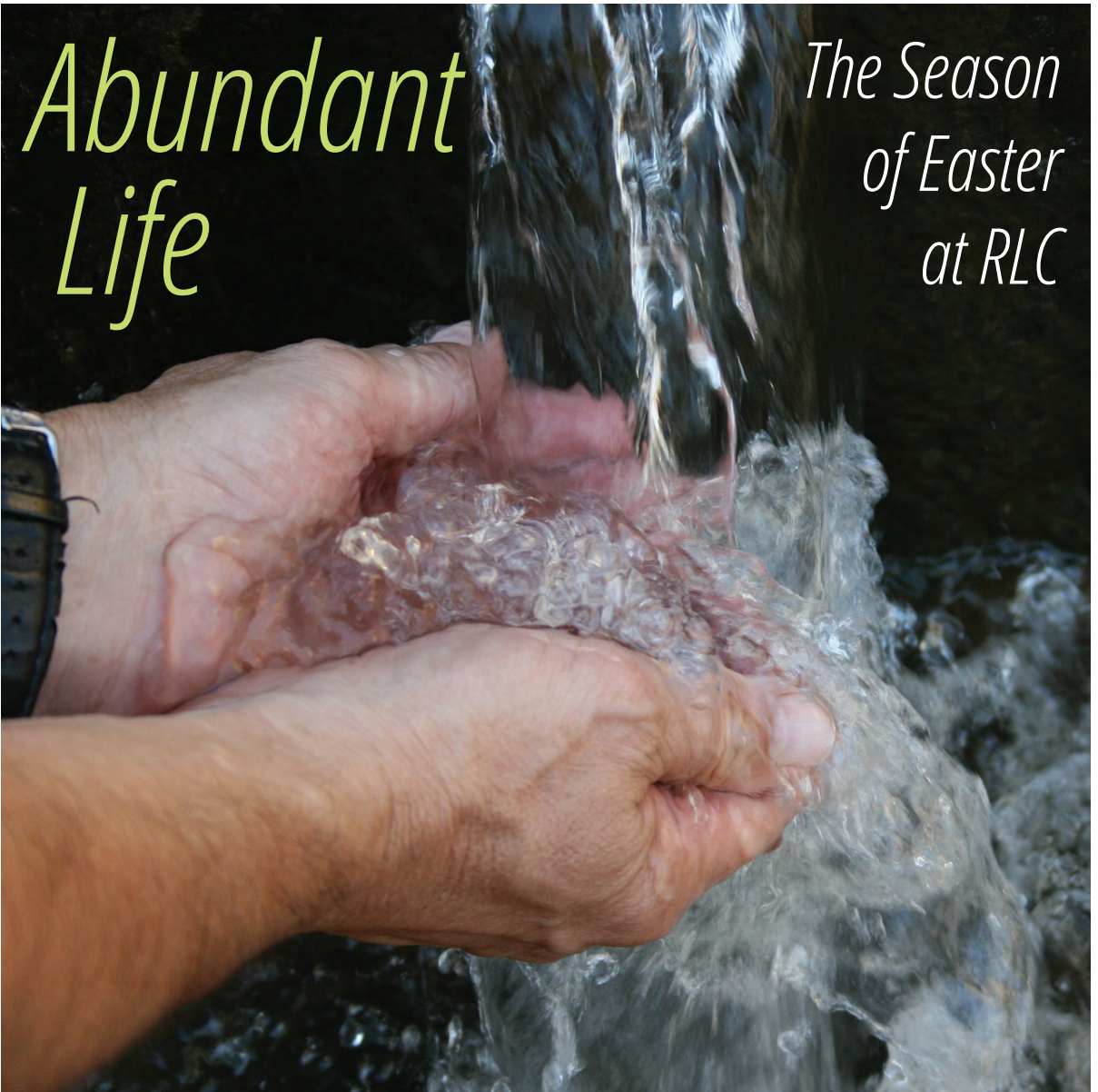


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LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

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Sunday  
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*Words in **BOLD** are for congregational participation, either said or sung.*

*Words to hymns are printed in this bulletin, but you are encouraged to open up and use the red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnal found below or in front of your seat. Hymn numbers are provided.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL INVOCATION

*Come, Ye That Love the Lord*

arr. Parker  
RLC Choir

OPENING HYMN

*Evening and Morning (vs. 1, 2, 4)*

ELW 761

**Evening and morning, sunset and dawning,  
Wealth, peace, and gladness, comfort in sadness:  
These are your works, rich in glory divine!  
Times without number, awake or in slumber,  
Your eye observes us, from danger preserves us,  
Causing your mercy upon us to shine.**

**Gracious Lord, hear me, pardon and spare me;  
Calm all my terrors, blot out my errors,  
That justified in your sight I may stand.  
Order my goings, direct all my doings;  
Guard me and guide me and stay close beside me;  
All I commit to your fatherly hand.**

**To God in heaven all praise be given!  
O God, we offer and gladly proffer  
Gifts from your hand; these alone you will prize:  
Hearts that receive you and faith to believe you;  
Hymns that adore you are precious before you  
And to your throne like sweet incense arise.**

STORYTIME *Storytime is for the entire congregation as we begin our exploration of our text for the day.  
Children are invited forward for Storytime as the congregation sings:*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As storytime ends, children in grades 1st-6th are invited to leave the worship center for RLC Kids time and activities in the activity center. They will rejoin families at offering time. Children in Pre-K through Kindergarten are invited to go to Rm 45A and will stay there for the remainder of the worship service.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Acknowledging our unity, we come to this space,  
**Seeking the love of God that draws us together.**

Acknowledging our discord, we come to this space,  
**Seeking the peace of God that surpasses our understanding.**

Realigning our lives with God, we come to this space,  
**Seeking the grace of God that calls us to follow Jesus.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! (vs. 1, 2, 5)*

ELW 380

**Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;  
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the Conqueror, has gone,  
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh?  
Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,  
lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.**

**Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Messiah, Jesus, your followers established churches in communities near and far.  
Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us.  
Show us how to bear witness to your presence in places near and far.  
**Amen**

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (vs. 1)*

ELW 364

**Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.  
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

That very night the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas off to Berea, and when they arrived they went to the Jewish synagogue. These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing. But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea as well, they came there, too, to stir up and incite the crowds. Then the brothers and sisters immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and, after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this pretentious babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.' Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Eric Leshner

HYMN OF THE DAY

*We All Are One in Mission*

ELW 576

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

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We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

OFFERING

*We gather as a people of God, in the presence of God, to offer up our thanks and praise.*

*Offering is one way in which we support and sustain our shared ministry.*

*You may text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504,  
or scan the QR code in this bulletin.*



*Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.*

OFFERING MUSIC

*This Is the Day*

Anne Krentz Organ  
RLC Choir

PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
**We confess to you and to one another,**  
**that we have sinned against you**  
**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**  
**We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**Forgive us and free us from our sin.**  
**Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to live for you alone,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Rejoice in this good news!  
In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.  
**Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p.153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Gluten/peanut free bread is available - please indicate this preference to the server. White grape juice is available and can be found in the cups toward the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the sacrament to you in your seat. Please indicate this preference as the communion minister walks down your aisle.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lamb of God*

ELW p. 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

arr. Helgen  
RLC Choir

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

**Amen**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

ELW 535

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.** *Repeat*

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.** *Repeat*

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.** *Repeat*

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,  
Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.** *Repeat*

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.** *Repeat*

## POSTLUDE

# *Participants*

Pastor Eric Leshner

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Pastor Tori Kraus

Jenna Baccam, Director of Children, Family, and Youth Ministry

Reader: Bob Bergstrom

Musicians: RLC Choir, John Helgen

Video and Sound: Jeff Bowar, Jeff Johnson, Lucas Carlson

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## **TABLE DEADLINE** WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

*The next deadline for the TABLE Newsletter is 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 1.*

*This is for the June-July-August issue of the TABLE.*

*Please send stories, photos, ideas to [dpederson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:dpederson@rosevillelutheran.org).*



Join us April 28 - May 2, 2024  
for our “pRAISE RLC: Live!” campaign

*Our goal is to raise \$110,000 in 100 hours to support the mission and ministry of Roseville Lutheran Church. There will be in-person and online activities for this year’s end-of-fiscal-year campaign:*

- ONE Worship on Sunday, April 28 at 10:00 am
- RLC Jazz will be featured in a FREE concert at 7:00 pm, Sunday, April 28
- Hymn Sing on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 pm
- Volunteer with the Lively Landscapers on Tuesday, April 30 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- The RLC Block Party returns for Wednesday, May 1 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, with food trucks, games, and all kinds of fun and surprises!

[www.rosevillelutheran.org/praise](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/praise)



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